<u>Amendments to the claims</u>:

1 – 29. canceled.

30. (currently amended): A method of monitoring or analyzing a content item which is to be broadcast through a broadcasting network, the content item to be identified by a fingerprint of the content item derived from the content item itself, said method comprising:

maintaining a list of content items, the list comprising a subset of content items designated as active, the list of content items being ~~respectively~~ associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the content items themselves;

deriving at least one fingerprint from a content item monitored or analyzed from the broadcast network; and

interrogating the list of content items with the at least one fingerprint to identify the monitored or analyzed content item.

31 - 35. canceled.

36. (currently amended): A method of monitoring or analyzing a content item which is to be transmitted through a network, the content item to be identified by a fingerprint of the content item derived from the content item itself, said method comprising:

maintaining a list of content items, **with each item on** the list of content items being ~~respectively~~ associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the **respective** content <u>item itself;</u> ~~items themselves;~~

receiving a playlist, the playlist identifying content items to be transmitted through the network during a predetermined time period;

based at least in part on the playlist, updating the list of content items by adding at least a plurality of content items and removing at least a plurality of content items**, but not all of the content items, from the list**;

deriving at least one fingerprint from a content item monitored or analyzed from the network; and

interrogating the list of content items with at least one derived fingerprint to identify the monitored or analyzed content item.

37. (previously presented): A computer readable medium comprising instructions to perform the method of claim 36.

38. (currently amended): A method comprising:

receiving a list of content items, **with each item on** the list of content items being ~~respectively~~ associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the **respective** content ~~item itself;~~ ~~items themselves;~~

adding and deleting entries in a table or data structure according to the list of content items;

receiving a content item, the content item comprising audio or video;

deriving at least one fingerprint from the content item itself;

interrogating the table or data structure with the derived at least one fingerprint to identify the content item;

communicating a signal representing at least the identified content item to a remote device.

39. (previously presented): A computer readable medium comprising instructions to perform the method of claim 38.

40. (currently amended): A method comprising:

maintaining a ~~limited~~ list of content items, the ~~limited~~ list of content items being ~~respectively~~ associated with one or more fingerprints derived from **data representing audio or video samples corresponding to** the content items**;** ~~themselves;~~

identifying a subset of the ~~limited~~ list of content items as active content items, the subset being associated with those content items being subject to updates;

deriving at least one fingerprint from a content item monitored or obtained from a network; and

interrogating the ~~limited~~ list of content items with the at least one fingerprint to identify the monitored or obtained content item.

41. (previously presented): The method of claim 40 wherein the content items comprise at least audio or video.

42. (previously presented): The method of claim 30 wherein said act of deriving comprises deriving two or more fingerprints of the content item.

43. (previously presented): The method of claim 42 wherein said act of interrogating the list of content items utilizes the two or more fingerprints to identify the monitored or analyzed content item.

44. (previously presented): The method of claim 30 wherein the content item comprises audio or video.

45. (previously presented): The method of claim 30 wherein the subset of content items designated as active are associated with database entries to be updated.

46. (previously presented): The method of claim 36 wherein said act of deriving comprises deriving two or more fingerprints of the content item.

47. (previously presented): The method of claim 46 wherein said act of interrogating utilizes the two or more fingerprints to identify the monitored or analyzed content item.

48. (previously presented): The method of claim 36 wherein the content item comprises audio or video.

49. (previously presented): The method of claim 38 wherein said act of deriving comprises deriving two or more fingerprints of the content item.

50. (previously presented): The method of claim 49 wherein said act of interrogating utilizes the two or more fingerprints to identify the content item.

51. (previously presented): The method of claim 38 wherein the content item comprises audio or video.

52. (previously presented): The method of claim 40 wherein said act of deriving comprises deriving two or more fingerprints of the content item.

53. (previously presented): The method of claim 52 wherein said act of interrogating utilizes the two or more fingerprints.

54. (new): The method of claim 40 wherein each item on the list of content items is associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the respective content item itself.

55. (new): The method of claim 40 further comprising, prior to said act of interrogating, updating the subset.